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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

1. ETHIOPIAN CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WAS CELEBRATED JANUARY 7 IN NORMAL FESTIVE MANNER WITH MANY SMALL GATHERINGS THROUGHOUT CITY. UNANNOUNCED 3 AM DETONATIONS REPORTED ADDIS ABABA 0164 WERE APPARENTLY CEREMONIAL AND RELATED TO THESE CELEBRATIONS.

2. RADIO ETHIOPIA IN 1200 LOCAL NEWSCAST ON JANUARY 7 ANNOUNCED THAT RELATIVES OF DETAINEES WOULD BE ALLOWED TO VISIT THOSE DETAINED. THERE WAS, IN FACT, A LARGE GATHERING AROUND NATIONAL PALACE AND RELATIVES WERE ALLOWED TO VISIT DETAINEES FACE-TO-FACE WITH NO RESTRICTIONS ON NUMBER OF RELATIVES. LATTER WERE ALLOWED TO BRING PRESENTS OF FOOD. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS FIRST TIME FACE-TO-FACE VISITATION HAS BEEN PERMITTED SINCE PRISONERS MOVED FROM 4TH DIVISION HQ, AND WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN REPORTS FROM RELATIVES ON CONVERSATIONS WITH DETAINEES, THRUST OF WHICH WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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